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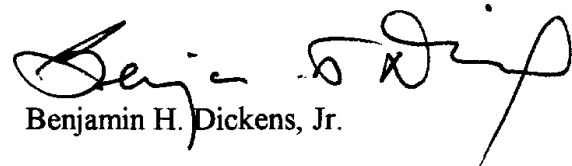
**Re: Petition of South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc.  
For an Order and Rule Pursuant to Section 251(h)(2) of the  
Communications Act declaring that South Slope Cooperative  
Telephone Company, Inc. Shall Be Treated as an Incumbent  
Local Exchange Carrier in the Iowa Exchanges of Oxford,  
Tiffin and Solon**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed are an original and four copies of the Petition of South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. as described above.

Please date-stamp and return the enclosed copy of this filing. Please contact me if there are any questions regarding this filing.

Very truly yours,

  
Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr.

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In the Matter of	)	
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Petition for Order Declaring South Slope	)	WC Docket No. _____
Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc.	)	
An Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in the	)	
Iowa Exchanges of Oxford, Tiffin and Solon	)	

**PETITION OF SOUTH SLOPE COOPERATIVE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.**

South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. ("South Slope") files this Petition requesting the Commission to issue an order and rule declaring that South Slope shall be treated as an incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") in the Oxford, Solon and Tiffin, Iowa Telecom exchanges ("Iowa Telecom" is Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc.). This Petition is filed pursuant to section 251(h)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. § Section 251(h) (2)) and section 51.223(b) of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 51.223(b)). In support of this Petition, South Slope provides the following:

**Factual Showing**

South Slope provides local telephone service, and exchange access service, to approximately 19,500 access lines in the state of Iowa. The Company was established as a cooperative telephone company in 1958, and provides telephone service generally in

between and west of Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, Iowa, comprising a service area of approximately 488 square miles.

As a result of several factors, including its cooperative ownership structure, a high commitment to service quality and low monthly rates, compared to its neighboring ILECs (at this time Iowa Telecom and Qwest Corporation (Qwest)), and a construction program to deliver state-of-the-art telecommunications service to its customers, South Slope became aware of significant demands for its services in then GTE's, now Iowa Telecom's, neighboring exchanges of Oxford, Tiffin and Solon, Iowa. Accordingly, South Slope filed, on June 4, 1998, its Application For Modification of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 0120 ("Application") for authority to provide land-line local exchange telecommunications service in the exchanges of Oxford, Solon and Tiffin.

By its Order Granting Application in docket No. TCU 98-15, issued July 14, 1998 ("Order"), the Iowa Utilities Board granted South Slope's unopposed application to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in order to expand its service into the affected exchanges. Significantly, the Order found that the requested geographic expansion was in the public interest: "Since the services South Slope proposes to render are consistent with the public interest, its application for amendment to certificate will be granted." Order p. 2. On July 8, 1999, the Iowa Utilities Board amended Certificate No. 0120 providing for "The revision of South Slope's North Liberty Exchange map to add the Exchanges of Tiffin, Solon, and Oxford", as shown in the service territory maps of GTE. A copy of each of the Application, Order and Certificate are appended, collectively, as Attachment 1.

In 2001, South Slope began facility construction in the Oxford, Tiffin and Solon exchanges with a combination of fiber and copper (loop) facilities, in order to offer the same, advanced broadband offerings available to South Slope's other cooperative member/owners. The response has been impressive. In Oxford, South Slope estimates that it has acquired approximately 86% of the approximately 817 customers in that community. In Tiffin, South Slope estimates that it has acquired approximately 85% of the estimated total of 1,310 customers. In Solon, South Slope estimates that it has acquired approximately 82% of the estimated total of 1,902 customers.

Thus, as a result of South Slope's superior facilities, services and the advantages of cooperative ownership — which are extended to all customers in the affected exchanges -- South Slope has become the dominant local service provider. And, it has done so not through resale or unbundled network elements, but through the construction of costly state-of-the-art facilities, for which South Slope has undertaken the investment risk. Indeed, as South Slope's reputation for service has grown, it has become commonplace for customers of Qwest and Iowa Telecom (GTE's successor by acquisition in the affected exchanges) to request South Slope's management to further expand the geographic reach of South Slope's service.

Aside from these facts, the sale of GTE's Oxford, Tiffin and Solon exchanges, as part of a larger transaction, merits a brief discussion. More specifically, in 2001, Iowa Telecom purchased approximately 280,000 Iowa access lines and related facilities from GTE. It appears that Iowa Telecom's investment and service philosophy, vis-à-vis the former exchanges, have not differed in any marked respect from that of GTE. The

preponderance of customers obtained by South Slope in these exchanges have been obtained since the inception of Iowa Telecom's service.

#### Statutory Background

Section 251(h)(1) Incumbent. Section 251(h)(1) defines a LEC to be an ILEC in a service area, if the LEC was a telephone company offering service in that area, and was a member of the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") as of the time of the enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. South Slope was a NECA member in 1996, and hence is an ILEC with respect to its exchanges which it was serving at that time. It was not providing service in the Oxford, Solon or Tiffin Exchanges at that time.

Section 251(h)(2) Incumbent. Section 251(h)(2) provides for the declaration of South Slope as an ILEC, by rule, for Oxford, Tiffin and Solon. A three part test is prescribed by the statute. First, the LEC must occupy "a position in the market for telephone exchange service within an area that is comparable" to the position occupied by the existing section 251(h)(1) incumbent. Second, the LEC must have "substantially replaced" such incumbent; and, third, the treatment of the 'replacing' LEC must be consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and the purposes of section 251. 47 U.S.C. § 251(h)(2).

As is discussed below, South Slope clearly meets the statutory standard, in addition to the clear and convincing showing which the Commission has indicated will be required under its rules for South Slope to be declared a Section 251(h)(2) incumbent.

### South Slope's Petition Should Be Granted

The first part of the section 251(h)(2) test requires South Slope to occupy a position that is “comparable” in the area to Iowa Telecom. South Slope certainly meets that standard with approximate market shares between 82 and 86 percent, as earlier discussed, in the three communities. South Slope is also an ETC in the three affected communities and, accordingly, widely advertises its services there. Finally, South Slope's services are available on a ubiquitous basis, as a practical matter, while Iowa Telecom's services are not. In this respect, Iowa Telecom evidently has made the decision to not construct facilities into several important new developments in these communities, while South Slope has made such investments. This failure serves to further cement South Slope's position as the incumbent in the public's eye, as well as the carrier of last resort, in fact.

The second requirement, that the LEC must have “substantially replaced” the incumbent LEC is also clearly met. The foregoing discussion demonstrates that South Slope has already replaced Iowa Telecom with respect to the vast majority of customers, and that Iowa Telecom's market share will continue to drop with the combination of higher prices and inferior services and facilities in the communities.

The third requirement – that the public interest be served – is clearly met by South Slope. As previously referenced, the Iowa Utilities Board has determined that the public interest is served by the expansion of South Slope's Iowa local exchange operations into Tiffin, Oxford and Solon. Surely, as the agency most familiar with South Slope's operations and management, and those of the incumbent(s), their public interest findings are due substantial weight by this Commission. Moreover, any cost/benefit analysis overwhelmingly supports a public interest finding in South Slope's favor. First, South Slope

itself will benefit from a declaration that it is the incumbent in the form of reduced reporting requirements to NECA. At present, it segregates its operations for interstate operations in the three communities, from its geographic operations in which it is the existing incumbent, because these operations do not constitute a South Slope “study area” according to FCC rules. Lifting this administrative burden from South Slope will allow a more efficient allocation of resources to the provision of additional and improved telephone services to its existing customers, both in its pre-existing and expanded service area.

Second, South Slope’s customers have seen service and price improvements, versus those offered by Iowa Telecom, in a way that benefits the public interest. In this respect, all of South Slope’s service staff are local residents. During normal working hours, these personnel are required to be on-site (including customer premises, if necessary) within 2 hours of a trouble report. South Slope does not believe that Iowa Telecom provides this high standard of service. Additionally, South Slope has ubiquitous broadband service available throughout the three communities. Iowa Telecom does not. South Slope has significantly lower local rates than Iowa Telecom and provides EAS calling to and from Cedar Rapids and Iowa City from the three communities, while Iowa Telecom does not. As previously mentioned, South Slope’s new customers receive the benefits of cooperative ownership, while Iowa Telecom’s customers do not.

It should be noted that all of these benefits are based on investment risk, by South Slope, to deploy new, state-of-the-art facilities. There are substantial public interest benefits to be derived from Commission actions to incent this type of investment risk by carriers like South Slope.

Against these clear public interest benefits of encouraging carriers like South Slope to deploy state-of-the-art facilities alternatives in rural areas, should be considered any public interest burdens. South Slope believes that such analysis essentially boils down to two issues: First, what additional costs are added to the interstate jurisdiction from an ILEC classification; and, what competitive impacts arise by virtue of section 251(c)'s additional unbundling obligations and the "rural exemption" contained in section 251(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. §§ 251(c) and (f)).

South Slope submits that neither of these concerns tip the public interest balance. On the cost side, for instance, South Slope estimates that projected NECA settlements for common line and traffic sensitive average schedule settlements will increase approximately \$25,500.00, annually, if it is declared to be the ILEC in the three exchanges. South Slope further estimates that its universal service funding will not change materially. These impacts will be subject to further review at the time South Slope submits a study area waiver, if deemed necessary, to fold the additional exchanges into South Slope's Iowa study area. In any event, the Commission may easily find that the additional costs estimated by South Slope are truly de minimis in the context of a multi-billion dollar interstate revenue requirement regulated by the FCC.

South Slope's designation as an ILEC in the Oxford, Tiffin and Solon communities will not affect the competitive balance by virtue of the statutory "rural exemption." Parties have argued this in other sections 251(h)(2) proceedings. See, Petition For Order Declaring Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in Terry, Montana, WC Docket No. 02-78 ("Mid-Rivers"); Western Wireless Opp. 2. Without conceding any validity to this argument in the first instance, South Slope would point out



that its rural exemption previously has been lifted by the Iowa Utilities Board. Thus, there can be no argument that a diminution of statutory interconnection obligations would occur by treating South Slope as an incumbent LEC.

In sum, South Slope clearly meets each of the requirements in the three-part test set forth in section 251(h)(2). The company requests that incumbent LEC designation occur as soon as possible, consistent with the discussion set forth below.

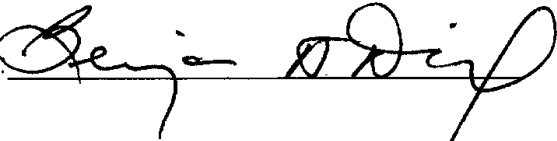
#### Conclusion And Procedural Reconsideration

South Slope recognizes that the Commission may “by rule” declare a LEC to be an ILEC, and that it is currently circulating a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NPRM”) on Mid-Rivers’ request for reclassification as an ILEC. Mandamus Petition of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative (D.C. Cir. No. 04-1163); Opposition of Federal Communications Commission to Petition For A Writ Of Mandamus. at 13. South Slope requests the Commission to include its reclassification request in that draft NPRM, if such can be accomplished without delaying the processing of that NPRM.

If such is not possible, however, South Slope requests the speedy issuance of an NPRM to deal with the instant Petition. In its Declaratory Ruling and Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking, 12 FCC Rcd 6925 (1997) (“Guam NPRM”) the Commission issued a declaratory ruling and NPRM after the filing of a Petition for Declaratory Ruling by the Public Utilities Commission of the Territory of Guam. South Slope urges the Commission to act expeditiously and with dispatch here, given the work that is already being done on the Mid-Rivers Petition, and the administrative burdens borne by South Slope, as earlier discussed.

South Slope thus respectfully submits that it has met the three-part test of section 251(h)(2) of the Communications Act in order to be declared as an incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in the Oxford, Tiffin and Solon, Iowa communities. It urges the Commission to adopt a rule and declaration to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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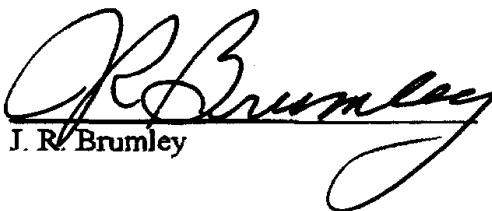
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Dated: August 24, 2004

I, J. R. Brumley, Chief Executive Office of South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc., have read the foregoing petition of South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. and state that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 04

  
J. R. Brumley

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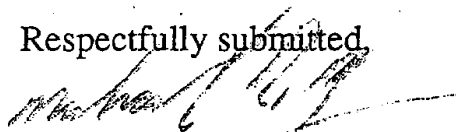
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**NEW CASE:** Docket No. TCU-98-\_\_\_, In Re: South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc.

**SUBJECT MATTER:** "Application For Modification Of Certificate Of Public Convenience And Necessity No. 0120" Filed By South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc.

**PERSON TO CONTACT:** Michael R. May

Respectfully submitted,



**MICHAEL R. MAY**  
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STATE OF IOWA  
BEFORE THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

SOUTH SLOPE COOPERATIVE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

TCU-98-15

DOCKET NO. TCU-98-

APPLICATION FOR  
MODIFICATION OF  
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC  
CONVENIENCE AND  
NECESSITY NO. 0120

COMES NOW South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. ("South Slope") and applies for a modification of South Slope's certificate of public convenience and necessity for authority to provide land-line local exchange telecommunications service in the described areas of Oxford, Solon and Tiffin, Iowa. South Slope's Application is submitted pursuant to IOWA CODE §476.29(1997) and IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199--22.20(4)<sup>1</sup>. In support thereof South Slope states:

1. South Slope is an Iowa corporation with its principal place of business at 210 Tuttle Street, Norway, Iowa, operating as a non-rate regulated, local exchange telephone utility. South Slope is a cooperative.

2. South Slope seeks a modification of its certificate of public convenience and necessity for authority to provide land-line local exchange telecommunications service in the Oxford, Solon and Tiffin exchanges also served by GTE Midwest, Inc. ("GTE"). Maps complying with IOWA CODE §476.29(4) and 199 IOWA. ADMIN. CODE 199--22.20(3) will be timely filed subsequent to the approval of South Slope's Application.

<sup>1</sup> "Any legal entity which desires to serve all \* \* \* of a territory which is currently assigned to another land-line utility may petition for \* \* \* a certificate modification [if] the utility already has a certificate to serve." IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199--22.20(4), Subsequent certificates.

3. South Slope plans to offer to all eligible customers<sup>2</sup> in the proposed expanded service territory the identical telecommunications services specified in South Slope's tariff currently on file with the Iowa Utilities Board through South Slope's North Liberty Exchange.

4. The requested amendment of South Slope's certificate will have no detrimental consequences to any customers in affected rural areas for the reason that South Slope will offer high quality service throughout the proposed exchanges. Indeed, South Slope's capabilities are recognized by consumers and public officials in the proposed service territories who look forward to receiving the benefits represented by South Slope's high quality service.

5. South Slope will seek interconnection arrangements as necessary and lawful.<sup>3</sup>

6. South Slope plans to extend buried fiber-optic cable (and fiber duct for future expansion) where needed, as well as install electronic equipment at strategic locations within the area. South Slope will then extend copper cable from each centralized point to each subscriber location that requests South Slope's service. South Slope will use various electronic equipment such as Fujitsu 150 RST cabinet (i.e., a "fiber-fed" cabinet capable of up to 1,920 POTS lines and high speed data interface units) and AFC units capable of providing from 1 line to 120 access lines. South Slope will offer local dial-up Internet access with speeds up to 56,000 bits per second (bps) and ISDN dial-up to the Internet using local number access. South Slope will also offer direct connect to the Internet with 56-k, T-1 and DS-3 circuits. South Slope will also offer a variety of data services including BRI (basic rate interface) and PRI (primary rate interface) T-1 as well as DS-3 service where requested. Voice mail, Centrex service and desk top video circuits will also be available.

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<sup>2</sup> South Slope intends to fully comply with the statutory duty to "serve all eligible customers" within the proposed service territory. IOWA CODE § 476.29(5) (1997).

<sup>3</sup> South Slope intends any new interconnection agreement with GTE to cover South Slope's existing customers within the Tiffin Exchange which South Slope was previously certified to serve by the Board in In Re: South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Docket No. TCU-96-12, "Order Conditionally Approving Application For Modification Of Certificate", (Issued January 13, 1997); "Order Denying Application For Rehearing And Approving Tariff And Map", (Issued March 5, 1997).

7. South Slope possesses proven technical, financial, and managerial capability to provide and to continue to sustain the service for which a modification of South Slope's certificate is sought in this application.

8. As demonstrated by South Slope's filed tariff as well as its filed annual report<sup>4</sup>, South Slope is directed and managed by officers and employees with long-standing commitments to quality telecommunications services and regulatory compliance.

9. The issuance of the certificate modification requested in this application will promote the public convenience and necessity by providing the public benefits of the potential for lower rates, more customer choice, special attention to certain customer's needs, the potential for desirable economic effects in Iowa, enhanced local calling area and leading edge technology.

WHEREFORE, South Slope respectfully requests that:

a. The Board grant South Slope the requested modification of South Slope's certificate of public convenience and necessity No. 0120, pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29 and 199 IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199--22.20(4), to provide land-line local exchange service in the Oxford, Solon and Tiffin exchanges; and

b. The certificate modification be issued upon completion of review by the Board and the amended certificate be issued without conditions.

Respectfully submitted,



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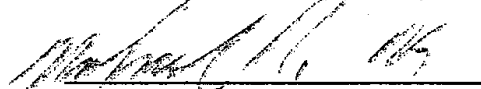
Attorney for South Slope Cooperative Telephone Co. Inc.

<sup>4</sup> Telephone Utility Annual Report (Form TR 1-3) filed on March 31, 1998 by South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company for the year ended December 31, 1997.

June 4, 1998

Certificate of Service

Copies served this 4th day of June, 1998 upon the Board's General Counsel, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the affected utilities identified on Exhibit "A" as required by IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199--22.20(4).



MICHAEL R. MAY



Certificate of Service

Copies served this 4th day of June, 1998 upon the Board's General Counsel, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the affected utilities identified on Exhibit "A" as required by IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199--22.20(4).

  
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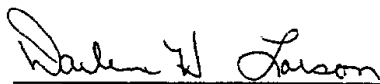
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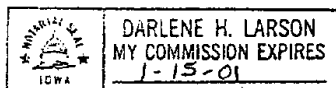
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I, J. R. BRUMLEY, being duly sworn, depose and state that the statements in the foregoing Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

  
J. R. BRUMLEY

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 th day of May, 1998

  
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IN RE:

SOUTH SLOPE COOPERATIVE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

DOCKET NO. TCU-98-15

**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION**

(Issued July 14, 1998)

On June 4, 1998, South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. (South Slope), filed an application for amendment of its certificate of public convenience and necessity with the Utilities Board (Board), pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29 (1997). In the filing, South Slope stated it intends to provide local exchange service in the Oxford, Solon, and Tiffin exchanges which are currently being served by GTE Midwest Incorporated. Pursuant to IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-22.20(4) (1998), South Slope provided notice to all affected utilities of its amendment to application to certificate, filed June 4, 1998, listing these exchanges. No objections to the application were filed.

An applicant other than an IOWA CODE § 476.96(5) "local exchange carrier" shall not be denied a certificate if it possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the service is consistent with the public interest. IOWA CODE § 476.29(2) (1997). South Slope has demonstrated it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to

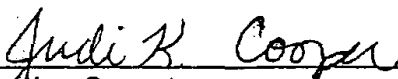
provide local exchange service. Since the services South Slope proposes to render are consistent with the public interest, its application for amendment to certificate will be granted.

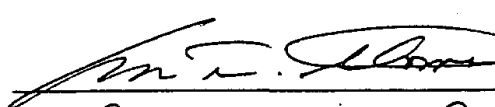
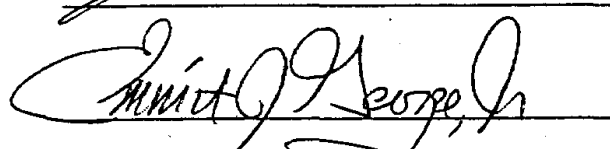

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The application for amendment to certificate of public convenience and necessity, filed by South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc., on June 4, 1998, is granted.
2. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by South Slope, and upon approval of maps and other documentation which will define the service territory where South Slope desires to serve all eligible customers, the Board will issue an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

ATTEST:

  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14th day of July, 1998.

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IN RE:  SOUTH SLOPE COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY	DOCKET NO. TCU-99-18 TF-99-176
	CERTIFICATE NO. 0120

**CERTIFICATE**

(Issued July 8 , 1999)

On June 10, 1999, South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) proposed revisions to its tariff to add the exchanges of Solon, Oxford, and Tiffin. The tariff revisions are identified as TF-98-176. In addition, South Slope filed an application to amend its certificate. The application is identified as TCU-99-18. South Slope stated it concurred in the maps of GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). The Board has approved the tariff and granted the application in an order being issued concurrently with this certificate. Accordingly, South Slope's certificate will be revised to add the exchanges of Tiffin, Solon, and Oxford, as shown in the service territory maps of GTE.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

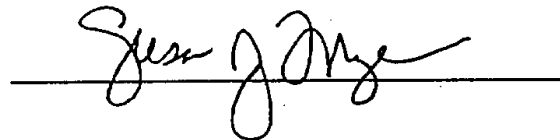
The certificate issued to South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company on October 9, 1997, is superseded by this IOWA CODE § 476.29(1) (1999) certificate

of public convenience and necessity to furnish land-line local telephone service within the boundaries shown by the GTE Midwest Incorporated service territory maps on record on January 1, 1992, with the exception of the following maps, which supersede any earlier maps for these exchanges:

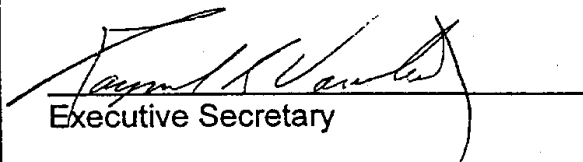
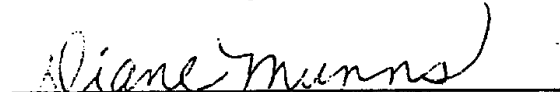
1. The Ely, Fairfax, Newhall, North Liberty, and Norway exchange maps, effective January 5, 1995, approved in a filing identified as TF-93-472.
2. The North Liberty exchange map in T80N, R7W, section 25, effective September 26, 1995, approved in a filing identified as TF-95-325.
3. The Ely exchange map in T82N, R7W, section 29, effective May 5, 1996, approved in a filing identified as TF-96-152.
4. The exchange map showing a part of GTE's Tiffin exchange and U S West's Iowa City exchange in Coralville, effective March 5, 1997, approved in a filing identified as TF-96-256.
5. The extension of South Slope's North Liberty exchange map, which is part of U S West's Cedar Rapids exchange map, effective September 2, 1998, approved in a filing identified as TF-98-210.
6. The revision of South Slope's Fairfax and North Liberty exchange maps identified as TF-98-229, effective October 21, 1998.

7. The revision of South Slope's North Liberty exchange map to add the exchanges of Tiffin, Solon, and Oxford, as shown in the service territory maps of GTE Communications, Inc., and identified in TF-99-176, effective on the date of the issuance of this certificate.

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Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 8th day of July, 1999.